



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1511 without my signature.

This bill transfers responsibility for the administrative services for the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission from the State Water Resources Control Board to the State Coastal Conservancy.

I appreciate the efficiencies gained by linking the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission to the State Coastal Conservancy. However, the State Water Resources Control Board is better equipped with both staff and resources to provide administrative services to the Commission. Additionally, this bill would require the Commission to expand their authority to include water supply and broaden the water quality authority. It is not clear that the Commission has the appropriate expertise to fulfill this direction.

Sincerely,

Gavin Newsom